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Surface Transportation Board
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Re: STB Docket #AB-6 (Sub-No.407X)
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Abandonment in Seattle, WA

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are in receipt of a letter dated January 15, 2004 inviting our comments on Environmental and Historical Reports related to the abandonment referenced above.

Regarding Section 3(i) of the Environmental Report, the proposed abandonment does not appear to be inconsistent with Countywide Planning Policies. It appears that City of Seattle land use policies would apply to this matter since the right-of-way is located within the city limits.

Regarding Section 3(iv) of the Environmental Report, King County agrees that the right-of-way proposed for abandonment is suitable for alternative public use as part of the light rail system being constructed by the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

Sincerely,

David Hopkins
Regional Transportation Manager

cc: The Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair, King County Council
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